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Title: PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF PHENYL ACETYLENE IN A
STYRENE-CONTAINING MEDIUM WITH THE AID OF A CATALYST

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the following Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Three times Amended) Process for the hydrogenation of phenyl acetylene in a styrene-containing liquid medium with the aid of a catalyst and in the presence of hydrogen gas, wherein the catalyst is a sulfur-free nickel catalyst with a nickel content of 10-25 wt.%, supported on a carrier material and wherein the hydrogenation is carried out at a temperature between about 15 and about 50 °C.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.